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Photo by Airman 1st Class Erik Somppi

The thruster behind the muster

Staff Sgt. James Warren inspects the installation of the compressor variable guide transducer prior to test cell engine run of the F-117A engine. See more photos of the 49th Maintenance Squadron propulsion flight on page 13.

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HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO
AIR SHOW 2005
THUNDER OVER THE BASIN
Liberty takes Flight
COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY & OPEN HOUSE
FREE ADMISSION TO THE PUBLIC
April 17, 2005 - Gates open at 8:30 a.m.

Holloman Hotline

572-7500

The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you've tried to solve the problem yourself and haven't been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.

Housing office2-3981
Housing maintenance2-7901
Medical clinic2-7913/5447
Finance2-5107
Services2-3528
Commissary2-5127
Fraud, waste and abuse2-3713
BX479-6164



AFAS eligibility

Q: I am calling in regards to my daughter. Her husband is a Marine.

She wanted to use Family Services for baby-sitting and was told that once a month she could get services for a couple of hours so she could get a break from the kids.

When she called to see about this, a representative told her it was not Air Force policy or in their regulation to give her any service whatsoever. I would like to know why?

A: First, allow me to say that we sincerely appreciate your son-in-law's service to his country. I'd also like to thank you for your call and am sorry for any inconvenience this situation may have caused you and your family.

We are very proud of the special programs our Family Services have

in place to support our Air Force family members.

The specific program to which you are referring is "Give Parents a Break." This program was created by the Air Force Aid Society to offer eligible parents a few hours' break from the unique stresses associated with the military lifestyle.

Unfortunately, according to the guidelines established by AFAS, this program was created specifically for active duty Air Force members and their families and cannot be extended to our sister service members.

Although this particular program is only funded to support Air Force families, there are other programs available locally for family members of other military service branches.

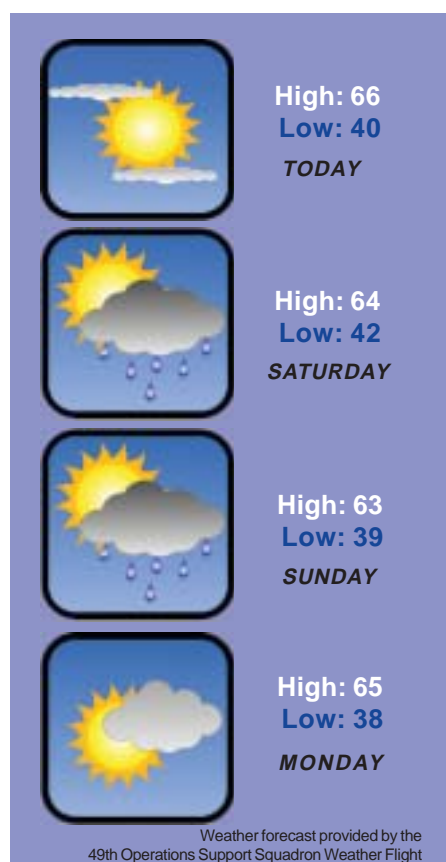
If you would like more information on these programs, please contact our Family Support Center staff at (505) 572-7754.



Photo by Maj. David Simons

How's the weather?

Master Sgt. Brian McDonald, 49th Operations Support Squadron, provides weather information to Maj. David Peiffer, Illinois Air National Guard. That morning, Iraq had a storm system over many of the airfields that aircrews assigned to the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing at a forward deployed location tried to access.



DUI Update

Days since last DUI **11**
DUIs this year **11**
This week last year **16**

Last six DUIs

- 49 MXS Jan. 21
- 49 OG Feb. 11
- 49 CES Feb. 12
- 49 CS Feb. 14
- 49 CES Feb. 22
- GAF March 7

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

359 Saves this year
17 Saves this week



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Civilian receives ACC Manpower and Organization Award for Excellence

by Ms. Laura Hunt
Sunburst copy editor

A Team Holloman member was awarded the Air Combat Command Manpower and Organization Award for Professional Excellence Installation-Level Senior Civilian of the Year for 2004.

Ms. Lee Matthews, 49th Fighter Wing Manpower and Organization chief, won the award for her contributions to the effectiveness of the manpower mission.

Most significantly, Ms. Matthews and her team were able to retain experienced civilians after the deactivation of the 20th Fighter Squadron.

“All positions associated with the 20th went away when their squadron was deactivated,” Ms. Matthews said. “We were able to take non-military essential positions associated with the Tornado Program and convert them into civilian jobs to reduce adverse actions.”

With this conversion and the addition of civilian positions within the military Stress Relief project, Ms. Matthews was able to build spaces for 12 people impacted by the F-4 inactivation.

“[There is] no doubt in my mind that Ms. Matthews is the best in ACC, and most likely in the entire Air Force,” said

Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander.

Ms. Matthews started working in manpower and organization in 1989 at Loring AFB, Maine. When the base began the process of closing in 1993, Ms. Matthews was relocated to Holloman.

According to Ms. Matthews, her accomplishments are the result of a team effort.

“I think it’s great that people can be recognized with an award, but, in this case, the team needs to be rewarded too,” Ms. Matthews said. “It was a team effort, so I wish everyone could have been recognized.”



Photo by Senior Airman Dee Ericksonmoen

A rockin’ good time

Tech. Sgt. R o r a y Tomlinson shows his club card at the grand opening of JR Rockers March 4. Club members receive a \$1 discount at lunch and a \$2 discount at dinner on purchases more than \$4.

Motivating, leading and teaching by example

Ms. Telisa Williams’ trendsetting attitude inspires progress

by Senior Airman Vanessa LaBoy
49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

Nicknamed the “Oracle” by her friends and co-workers, Telisa Williams motivates, leads and inspires everyone around her.

“We nicknamed her ‘Oracle’ because the answers she gives are the ones we need, instead of the ones we want,” said Staff Sgt. Amanda Wholly, 49th Medical Operations Squadron. “Friendship with her is a privilege. She has the ability to listen with both her heart and mind. She is remarkable in all of her endeavors. She has a great personality to go along with a wealth of knowledge. Her qualities are abundant.”

Ms. Williams demonstrates her qualities daily as a leader,

motivator and example for others as a medical support assistant in the base clinic.

“On the job, she has proven to be an irreplaceable team player,” Sergeant Wholly said. “Telisa plays a huge part in making the clinic run smoothly, but she takes it all in stride. Even with all the stress of an eight hour day, she still finds time to not only smile, but laugh.”

According to Sergeant Wholly, Ms. Williams is an example for others and moves them in the right direction.

“There was a policy in a previous duty section to complete third party claim forms,” Ms. Williams said. “No one was participating in the program. Once I gained the knowledge of how they should be completed, I would have patients complete the forms when required. By the end of a three month period, everyone in the section was doing the same thing not because they were told, but because they saw an example of what should

be done.”

Ms. Williams isn’t only a trendsetter in her workplace, but also to her friends and family. Along with working full time, contributing time to her children’s school’s fundraising activities and being an active member in other community programs, she recently earned her master of science in human resource management.

“I think prioritization was my biggest help,” she said. “I didn’t lose focus of the important things in life. God and family were still my main priorities. God enabled me spiritually and otherwise. As a family, we all believe in helping one another to accomplish our goals. I encourage everyone to keep focused on their goals. Distractions will come but they are only temporary.”

According to Sergeant Wholly, Telisa gives high priority to helping her friends in times of need.

“Being the spouse of an active duty member, she under-

stands the stress it can take on a family,” said Sergeant Wholly. “She has cared for my two children when duty called. It was more than babysitting; it was genuine care she gave to them.”

Ms. Williams said she didn’t think twice when she was asked to take care of her friend’s children during base exercises and recalls.

“As a prior enlisted parent, I understand the demands of the military,” she said. “The decision wasn’t hard for me to make.”

Ms. Williams said she will continue to have a positive attitude and motivate her friends and family.

“I think people are motivated by example,” she said. “I try to do my best at all times. Motivating people is im-

portant to me because everyone needs praise and encouragement.”



Photo by Ms. Laura Hunt

Ms. Telisa Williams, Medical Support assistant, helps a customer fill out paper work at the clinic.

49th OSS takes 3 top Air Combat Command honors

by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens
49th Fighter Wing
Public Affairs

The 49th Operations Support Squadron has three reasons to showcase its pride.

Holloman Airfield Operations was named as the Air Combat Command Airfield Operations Flight Complex of the Year for 2004 and had two of its personnel receive ACC awards.

Master Sgt. Angela Dowling, Air Traffic Control Training chief at White Sands Radar Facility, received the Air Traffic Control Training Achievement award, and Mr. Eric Martinez, an Airfield Management specialist, was named Airfield Management Journeyman/Technician (Civilian) of the Year.

Maj. Thomas Schmidt, Airfield Operations Flight commander, said

Holloman Airfield Operations beat out 16 other ACC airfield operations complexes to win this award.

“Based upon traffic count of aircraft operations supported, we are the busiest tower/airfield complex in ACC,” Major Schmidt said. “We supported over 145,000 aircraft operations last year. Winning the ACC Airfield Ops Flight Complex of the Year was a total team effort encompassing 110 assigned personnel spanning three geographically separated work centers, including the Air Traffic Control Tower and Airfield Management/Base Operations at Holloman, as well as White Sands Radar Facility located on White Sands Missile Range.”

He said on any normal week-day they support an average of 300 to 400 aircraft operations.

With over 25,000 square miles of restricted and special-use joint airspace, Major Schmidt said,

Holloman has one of the most complex airspaces in the Department of Defense.

“Given the large and diverse number of aircraft ops that we support on a daily basis, the airfield ops complex at Holloman does an absolutely outstanding job,” he said.

He said Sergeant Dowling and Mr. Martinez are both outstanding in the day-to-day performance in their respective duties.

“I am extremely proud and thankful to be able to serve with such outstanding individuals,” he said.

Lt. Col. Skip Hinman, 49th Operations Support Squadron commander, said Major Schmidt played a pivotal part in the success of airfield operations.

“The 49 OSS Airfield Operations Flight is a group of superior professionals well deserving of



Photo by Senior Airman Vanessa LaBoy

Mr. Eric Martinez takes measurements on the airfield map to verify airfield criteria. Mr. Martinez won the Air Combat Command Airfield Management Journeyman/Technician (Civilian) of the Year.

this award,” he said. “Major Schmidt is an outstanding leader who has played a central role in his flight’s success.”

Major Schmidt said as far as 2005 goes, he predicts it will be another outstanding year for Holloman Airfield Operations.

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Giving back

Airman donates money back to AFAS after receiving grant

by Ms. Laura Hunt
Sunburst copy editor

One Team Holloman member found out her husband was injured in Iraq, but she didn't have enough money to travel to see him.

She turned to the Air Force Aid Society for help.

Airman 1st Class Christine Wajvoda, Air Traffic controller, said her husband, Justin Wright, a sergeant in the Army, was injured during his deployment to Iraq when an improvised explosive device hit his HUMVEE. She found out he was going to be transferred to Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany and wanted to be reunited with him there.

"The whole situation was completely straining emotionally," Airman Wajvoda said.

"Being apart from loved ones during an event like this is very difficult."

Airman Wajvoda's first shirt referred her to the Air Force Aid Society for assistance with the cost of travel. Initially, AFAS issued her a loan, which would have to be repaid. However, shortly afterward, Ms. Lenn Furrow, Family Support Center director, told her that because of the circumstances surrounding her case she was eligible for a grant instead.

"The individuals working with me from AFAS were extremely instrumental in providing a sound mind during this time," Airman Wajvoda said. "Their simple and undoubted kindness exemplified qualities represented by AFAS—qualities in which we don't seem to see all that of-

ten in today's society—and it was greatly appreciated."

The medical center that Airman Wajvoda's husband was to stay at changed several times before he was finally sent to Walter Reid Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

"Throughout the uncertainty, AFAS made certain the financial necessity would not be an additional worry for me," Airman Wajvoda said. "As an active duty military member, I understand the importance of duty first or service before self, therefore I never questioned deployment opportunities or risks for both my husband and myself. However, when this situation occurred, I found myself straying away from the military mindset and reverting back to human nature."

After her ordeal had settled a little, Airman Wajvoda donated the money she received from the AFAS back to the charity.

"When my loan was changed to the grant, I felt a sense of guilt by taking money that may have been more of a necessity for someone else,"

she said. "I can't imagine actually losing someone or having something far more awful happen to a loved one, especially with the expenses that can accompany such situations. You don't realize the true depth of what is actually going on overseas or even in the United States until it happens to you. The casualties of war only continue to rise and I am positive there are families that are far more deserving of the AFAS assistance. It is not my place to take that away from them. That is why I chose to donate the money back to its rightful place."

Sergeant Wright, who had two fractures in his scapula and several fractured ribs, is steadily improving and is currently an outpatient at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Texas.

Last year, AFAS helped more than 30,000 Airmen with \$21.1 million in assistance. AFAS is one of four charities within the Air Force Assistance Fund, which runs its "Commitment to Caring" campaign until April 5.

Commitment to Caring

People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction to the following charities:

- The Air Force Aid Society. Information is available online at www.afas.org.

- The Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow's Fund. More information is available online at www.afenlistedwidows.org.

- The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund. The Air Force Village Web site is www.airforcevillages.com.

- The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation. The LeMay Foundation Web site is www.info@lemayfoundation.org.

Contributions to the AFAS are tax-deductible.

For more information, visit afassistancefund.org or www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund.

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The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from March 7 to Monday.

Property loss, damage or theft

- March 7: An Airman reported someone vandalized his room in dorm 340.

- March 8: There was a minor accident between two privately-owned vehicles at the intersection of 49er Road and Bong Street. One vehicle didn't see the other while making a left turn.

- March 8: A civilian reported that a welder, a staple gun and a ladder were missing from building 1266.

- March 8: There was a minor accident between two POVs in the commissary parking lot.

- March 10: An Airman reported his vehicle was damaged in the building 877 parking lot.

- March 11: There was a minor accident between a POV and a GOV on Bong Street. One vehicle didn't see the other while backing up.

- March 11: There was a minor accident between a POV and a GOV in the building 341 parking lot. One vehicle struck the other while backing up.

- March 12: A civilian reported four chrome-plated hubcaps were stolen from the commissary parking lot.

- March 13: An NCO reported a fire truck was damaged at the fire station.

- March 14: An Airman reported someone poured wax into the card reader on his dorm room door.

Patrol response

- March 9: A civilian reported he was assaulted at hangar 1079. He said another civilian pushed him and tried to punch him after an argument.

- March 9: An Airman reported an illegal alien walked into the billeting office and asked for food and water.

- March 11: An NCO reported a tractor trailer entered a restricted area.

- March 11: An NCO reported his family member left for school on March 10 and didn't return home.

ID cards

If personnel have a military issued identification card stolen or lost, or a DD Form 2220 stolen from a vehicle or missing from the squadron's inventory, report it to security forces at 572-7171 immediately.

If you have any information concerning any of these incidents, contact security forces at 572-7171 or your first sergeant. For the Crime Stop Help Line, please contact security forces at 572-1100 or dial 911.

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Exchange rate, please!

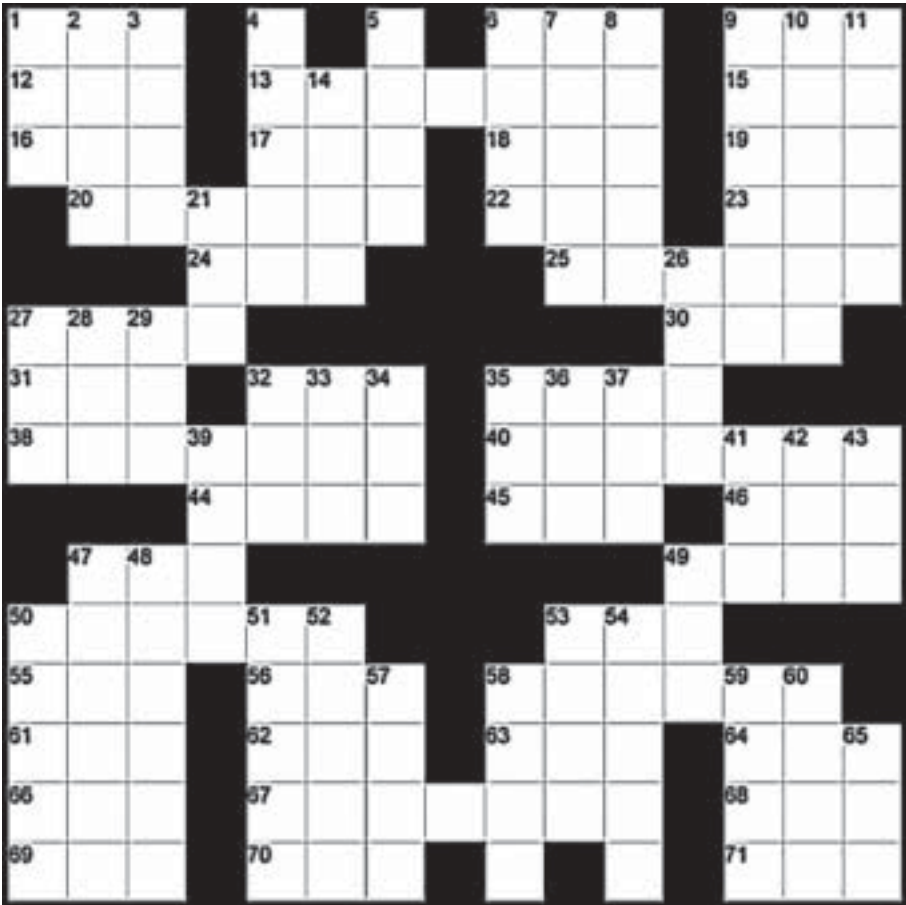
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- 1. USAF plane equipment
- 6. Owned
- 9. Alias, in brief
- 12. Karshi-Khanabad AB host country currency
- 13. Bagram AB host country currency
- 15. R&B group ____ Hill
- 16. The Greatest
- 17. NBA player Ming
- 18. Sn on periodic table
- 19. Charged particle
- 20. Djibouti currencies
- 22. Greek letter
- 23. Treebeard of *Lord of the Rings* was one
- 24. Confederate general
- 25. Bickers
- 27. Incirlik and Izmir ABs host country currency
- 30. Donkey
- 31. Fury
- 32. Manas AB host country currency
- 35. Missing work crime under UCMJ
- 38. Actress Redgrave
- 40. North Bay AS host country currencies
- 44. Separate
- 45. Air sovereignty operation since 9/11, in brief
- 46. Void
- 47. Golf score

- 49. Steak sauce
 - 50. Guidons; for military units
 - 53. Exclude
 - 55. Drone
 - 56. I Like ____; presidential slogan
 - 58. Tuzla AB host country currencies
 - 61. Card game
 - 62. Old Air Force slogan, ____ High
 - 63. Mining goal
 - 64. Orange/Yellow result
 - 66. Football scores, in short
 - 67. Soto Cano AS host country currency
 - 68. Mil. field meal
 - 69. NYC time zone
 - 70. Org. managing 32 DOWN
 - 71. Misawa, Yokota and Kadena ABs host country currency
- DOWN
- 1. Crazy ____ loon
 - 2. ____ of Mexico
 - 3. Prince
 - 4. Western actor John
 - 5. These can clash
 - 6. Dislike intensely
 - 7. Singer Bryant
 - 8. Balad, Tallil and Kirkuk ABs host country currency
 - 9. Goodbyes, in another form

- 10. Thule AB host country currencies.
- 11. Female relatives
- 14. Visage
- 21. Pie ____ mode
- 26. Animosity
- 27. Actress Tyler
- 28. Ret. account
- 29. Cartoon ____ & *Stimpy*
- 32. Military ID
- 33. Rumsfeld office symbol
- 34. Chinese chairman ____ Zedong
- 35. Bustle
- 36. Osan and Kunsan ABs host country currency
- 37. Bullring cheer
- 39. Ramstein, Spangdahlem, Aviano, Moron ABs host countries currency
- 41. Mil. address starter
- 42. Dog star ____ Tin Tin
- 43. Sault ____ Marie
- 47. RAFs Alconbury, Lakenheath, Mildenhall,

- Molesworth and Croughton country currencies
- 48. Close, but no cigar
- 49. Noah's vessel
- 50. Canal
- 51. Al Udeid AB host country currencies
- 52. Open and blue ender
- 53. Actress Roseanne
- 54. Regions
- 57. Actress Thompson
- 58. Drudge
- 59. Branch of DoD
- 60. Aircrew survival training, in short
- 65. Lair



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Holloman Hero

Tech. Sgt. Shelia Davis 49th Fighter Wing

Duty title: Wing Executive Personnel Management NCO in charge

Time in service: Thirteen years

Time at Holloman: Three years, 8 months

Hometown: Hillsville, Va.

Personal and Career goals: My personal and career goals are to obtain my degree in interior design and start my own business.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?

From maintenance to operations to support--no matter who we are or what we do we are one team fighting for our great country.

What has been the highlight of your Holloman tour?

Being selected to work in the Wing Command Section and seeing a maintainer, my

husband, get the opportunity to serve as the First Term Airmen's Course flight chief.

What is your favorite quote?

"With God all things are possible."

Core value portrayed "Service Before Self":

"Tech. Sgt. Davis best exemplifies this core value in her everyday work performance. Responsible to track, review and process what appears to be a never ending flow of reports, records and awards and decorations, Sergeant Davis puts in the overtime and never complains about the additional workload."

— Lt. Col. Mark Buccigrossi
49th Fighter Wing
deputy vice wing commander



Photo by Ms. Laura Hunt

The Holloman Hero submission form is available online. It can be downloaded at: https://www.mil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html

Briefs

Construction

There will be construction ongoing outside the main gate on the overpass starting on Saturday and ending Monday. Construction will primarily impact daytime traffic as the contractor will be working around peak traffic flow times. The following is a listing of

dates and locations around the main gate of upcoming construction:

- Saturday to Monday: Overpass, north ramp, south ramp and entrance to main gate
- April 2 to 3: Final Striping of Entrance to Main Gate (weather permitting)

When the ramps are under construction, traffic going to Alamogordo will be diverted towards Las Cruces and turned around prior to the west gate entrance. Since the ramps will be available during peak traffic flow hours, it is recommended that daytime traffic utilize the west gate. Construction done to the entrance to the Main gate will close only one lane at a time.

St. Patty's Day party

The Holloman Dorm Council will host a base wide St. Patrick's Day event from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., March 25, between buildings 452 and 457. Free food and refreshments.

For more information, contact Senior Airman Benjamin Yost at 572-0878.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed as Collateral Duty Mediators. Selected individuals may be required to work up to 20 percent of their official duty time. The following qualities are required: demonstrated patience, empathy, impartiality, creativity, competence and a positive attitude. Required Air Force training will be provided to those individuals selected for this challenging opportunity.

For more information, call Ms. Barbara Swisher, ADR champion, at 572-7330.

New York Air Guard

The 109th Airlift Wing, in Scotia, N.Y., home of the C-130 ski-birds, has Traditional Guard vacancies in the following career fields: 1C3X1, 1N0X1, 2A5X1, 2A5X3A&B,

2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2E1X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T0X1, 2T2X1, 3E0X1, 3E0X2, 3E1X1, 3E3X1, 3E4X3, 3E7X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 3S0X1, 4A0X1, 4N0X1, X4N0X1, and 4A251. Palace Chase and Palace Front POC: Master Sgt. James Reeves, 109 AW/DPR, James.Reeves@nyscot.af.mil; DSN 344-2457; 1-800-524-5070; www.nyscot.af.mil

Updated AFI

Separating or Retiring? According to AFI 36-3003, revised Feb. 15, anyone separating or retiring is no longer restricted to the 90-day terminal leave, permissive TDY (PTDY) and processing time limitation in conjunction with retirement or separation. Members may now take such terminal leave, PTDY (20 days CONUS or 30 days OCONUS as authorized by the losing commander) and processing days without limit.

Also, there are changes in the law that allow members to carry up to 60 days of leave in Special Leave Accrual (SLA) and there have been updates to the policy change for approval of Exception to PTDY policy.

For more information, call Ms. Kimberly Harvey at 572-7277.

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.

- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.

- Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m., Sunday at Holloman Intermediate School.

BOOn the BIG SCREEN

Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G)

6 p.m., today and 2 p.m., Sunday

Boogeyman (PG-13)

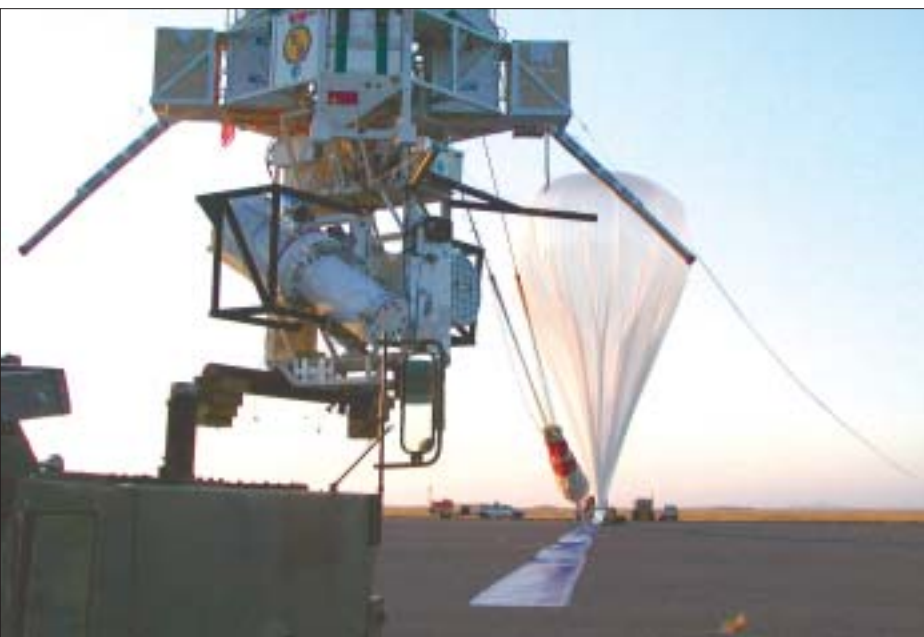
6 and 9 p.m., Saturday

Tickets are 99 cents.



Courtesy photo

The Balloon Operations team fills a balloon with helium right before a launch.



Courtesy photo

A payload is lifted in preparation for a balloon launch.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Larry Reid Jr.

Master Sgt. Edmund Coca (left) and Staff Sgt. James Gargano track the status of the balloon's flight on X-map, a GPS tracking program.

Rising to the task

by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

With the turn of the century, one might assume the need for balloon testing would have gone up in smoke. But Balloon Operations, a tenant unit here at Holloman, blows that assumption away.

Mr. Ted Dyer, Balloon Operations site manager, said they perform the first stages of research, test and development on a variety of projects that are on the cutting edge of technology.

Mr. Dyer said in actuality, it's more cost effective to use a balloon to perform high altitude testing than using rocket systems.

"This type of testing is a viable form of research," he said. "We can keep one project in the air for hours or days versus only getting minutes worth of data like with rocket programs."

He also said to get sufficient data, other researchers will launch six or more rockets, where Balloon Operations can perform the one launch for hours or days, complete the launch and recover the equipment to use again.

"So, we're cost effective, we're much cheaper than missiles and aircraft," he said. "We're still a very viable source for doing research and development."

The team averages five to six balloon launches a year and has the choice of using either a free flight balloon, which can travel to altitudes of up to 160,000 feet, or a teth-

ered balloon, which can travel to altitudes of up to 19,000 feet.

Testing begins when a researcher has a possible experiment. The payload, or research equipment, is created and balloons are purchased from a manufacturer.

"We tell them how much the payload is going to weigh and which test we're doing," Mr. Dyer said. "They tell us what size the balloon needs to be."

When there's a balloon mission, the team's six members increase to 80, Mr. Dyer said. Additional members come from the team's parent organization, located at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. They need the manpower to get the helium into the nine to 10 million cubic foot balloon, conduct all the preflight tests, and get the balloon in the air.

It typically takes six hours for a balloon to rise and complete all tests. The team maneuvers the balloon from their control room, where they also communicate with the FAA and track the weather.

After the balloon has completed its mission, the payload is dropped and parachuted to the ground. The helium is released from the balloon and all pieces are recovered.

"We've been using balloons to do high-altitude atmospheric research for the Department of Defense since 1947 and have not changed our mission since then," Dyer said. "We're the best type of research like this for the dollar and as long as we keep our projects and our funding, we'll keep doing our mission."

Revved and ready to go

49th Maintenance Squadron propulsion flight gives F-117A engines a boost.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Erik Somppi



Photo by Airman 1st Class Erik Somppi

Staff Sgt. Ryan Carn repairs damaged first stage fan blades on an F-117A engine.

Left: Airman 1st Class Stephen Lutonof installs a fuel filter on an F-117A engine.



Photo by Senior Airman Dee Ericksonmoen

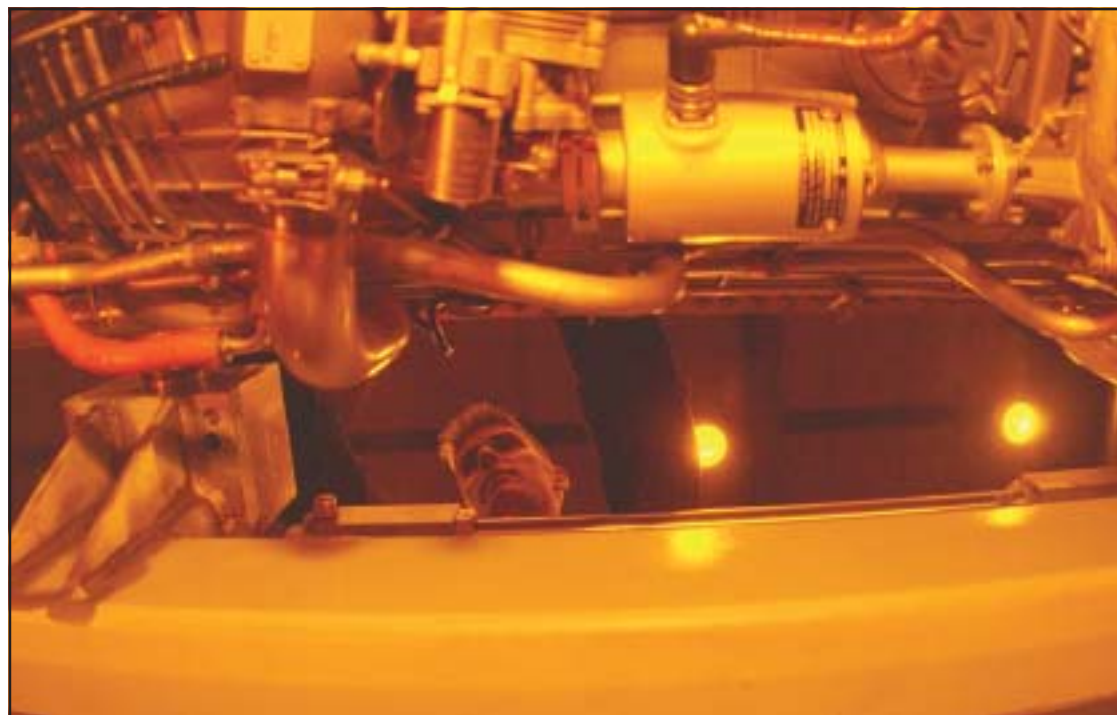


Photo by Airman 1st Class Erik Somppi

Top: Senior Airman Stephen Smith installs a compressor variable guide transducer on the F-117A Nighthawk engine prior to engine run.

Left: Airman 1st Class Woodrow Ellis (top) installs a borescope plug and below Airman 1st Class Jonathan Thomas is removing a chip detector on the F-117A engine.

RED FLAG



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Kevin J. Gruenwald

49th Maintenance Squadron crew chiefs perform pre-flight procedures prior to a launch during Red Flag 05-03 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. More than 100 aircraft and 2,000 service members from active-duty Air National Guard, U.S. Navy and Army are participating.



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Senior Airman Jacob Williams, 49th Maintenance Squadron structural maintenance journeyman, executes a wingtip light edge molding replacement prior to a launch during Red Flag.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Thomas P. Dougherty

Airman 1st Class Jackie Wills, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, connects an air condition hose to an F-117A Nighthawk prior to launch March 8. The aircraft participated in Red Flag, an exercise testing the warfighters' skills in real-time combat situations before being deployed on their AEF rotation.



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Staff. Sgt. Freddie Gandy, 49th MXS repair and reclamation craftsman, performs a canopy latch system operations check.



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Staff Sgt. Greg Slavik, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, shines his flashlight into an air intake on an F-117A Nighthawk.

Air Show booths

Organizations or squadrons interested in signing up for a booth for the 2005 Air Show, must call Ms. Pam Geiger at 572-7533 before April 1. Every effort will be made to assign booths to base organizations equally. All interested organizations must have liability insurance or must waive liability insurance.

There are three types of booths an organization can man. The first is providing manpower for the concessionaire. Organizations will be paid a percentage based on volunteers per booth and will not exceed the concessionaires requirements of volunteers needed. The concessionaire needs 238 volunteers who will be broken up to man 30 booths. The concessionaire has full rights to any consumable item.

The second type of booth is the selling of squadron-specific mementos to include coins, key chains, shirts, etc. However, these items must already be available to the squadron. Beverages, food or water may not

be sold at these booths.

The third booth is a squadron/organization-specific static or exhibition display.

Other rules and stipulations apply; for more information call Ms. Geiger.

Kiddie ID cards

Pass and ID issues out kiddie ID cards on Tuesdays and Thursdays for children ages 10 and under. For more information, call Mr. Samuel Rasche at 572-5920 or 572-5951.

HOSC Thrift Shop

Normal operating hours for the Holloman Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Consignments are accepted from 10 a.m. to noon only. The store will be open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday. There will be an End of Month Sale on Tuesday and Thursday.

Women's history

• Fashion Show: "Women Change America... A Review by Decade," 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

Thursday at the Community Activity Center ballroom.

• Building a Career Portfolio: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., March 31 at the chapel annex. R.S.V.P. at 572-7754.

ALS Class 05-D

Airman Leadership School Class 05-D has a graduation banquet at 6 p.m., March 29 in the Oasis Enlisted Club ballroom.

The ALS Class 05-D graduation retreat is 2:15 p.m., March 28 in the dorm mall area behind building 339. Commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, spouses, family and friends are invited to join the graduates. Uniform requirement is duty uniform.

For more information, call 572-5860.

Maintenance class

Housing Maintenance, with assistance from Home Depot, is sponsoring a screwdriver maintenance class at the self-help store from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 9. The class is open to all residents who live in mili-

tary family housing. There will also be a workshop available for children ages 4 to 13 by Home Depot.

There will be licensed supervision for the younger children while the parents attend the class.

Sign up at the self-help store, building 2395, housing maintenance, building 93, or at the housing office, building 71. There will be a raffle for gifts after the class. For the attendees, there will be hot dogs and sodas. In addition, the first batch of flowers will be available for issue right after the maintenance class has concluded.

For more information or to sign up by phone, call 572-5784.

Chapel

Lenten and Easter schedule:

Catholic

• Stations of the Cross: 6 p.m., today

• Palm Sunday: Walk with Jesus, 2 p.m., Sunday (Protestants and Catholics)

• Mass: 11:30 a.m., Wednesday

• 11:30 a.m. Mass canceled, Thursday (Holy Thursday)

• Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 p.m. Thursday (Holy Thursday)

• 11:30 a.m. Mass canceled, March 25 (Good Friday)

• Celebration of Lord's Passion: 3 p.m., March 25 (Good Friday)

• Easter Vigil Mass: 8 p.m., March 26 (Holy Saturday)

• Mass: 9 a.m., March 27 (Easter Sunday)

• CCD and 5 p.m. Mass canceled, March 27

Protestant

• Palm Sunday: Walk with Jesus, 2 p.m., Sunday (Protestants and Catholics)

• Good Friday Service: 7 p.m., March 25.

• Easter Sunrise Service: 6 a.m., March 27 at White Sands Area 6 (Easter Sunday)

• Easter Sunday Service: 11 a.m., March 27 (Easter Sunday)

Basin Briefs

Toastmasters

The Desert Basin Toastmasters Club will hold a demonstration meeting from 11 a.m. to noon, Tuesday at the Whispering Sands Community Center.

For more information, please contact Ms. Carolyn Peeler at 572-5507.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the Goddard Days Science Festival April 6 to 8 at the Yucca Recreation Center in Roswell, N.M. Volunteers are needed to help with exhibits, demonstrations and class presentations.

For more information, call Ms. Cymantha Liakos at (505) 623-6586 or (505) 910-5769 (cell) or e-mail maggy1963@msn.com.

Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Alamogordo has announced the availability of two \$500 scholarships for the 2005 academic year. Residents of

Otero County who are students of NMSU-A or NMSU main campus are invited to apply for “The Billie Holder Memorial Rotary Scholarship,” which has been in existence for a number of years.

In addition, students who are pursuing a degree or certificate in the medical career field may apply for a newly created scholarship, “The Rotary Club of Alamogordo Medical Careers Scholarship.”

Applications, with the criteria for award, may be obtained at the NMSU-A Student Services Building. Applications are due April 3. Information regarding both scholarships can be found at the Web site <http://alamo.nmsu.edu/financialaid/scholar.html>

Memorial march

The 16th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March is Sunday at White Sands Missile Range.

For information, call the

White Sands Missile Range Community Recreation Division at (505) 678-1256 or the WSMR Public Affairs Office at (505) 678-1134.

Questions and comments may be e-mailed to bataan@wsmr.army.mil.

Spencer theater

Violinist Doug Cameron performs at 8 p.m., March 26 at Spencer Theater. Tickets are available for \$39 and \$36. Call (505) 336-4800 or go to www.spencertheater.com to order.

Softball league

Games in the Alamogordo Softball League are May through July. Men’s teams play Monday and Wednesday and women’s teams play Tuesday and Thursday. To sign up a team, call Mr. Wes Johnson at 437-5686 or 442-6548.

Stamp show

There is a stamp show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday at

the Belton Bridge Center, 1215 East Madrid Ave., Las Cruces. This event is free.

Cherry festival

The 2005 High Rolls Cherry Festival is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 18 and 19 at the High Rolls Community Center. Follow the

highway signs to local cherries, cherry pies, over 60 arts/crafts vendors, food and drink, near-continuous local entertainment and children’s activities. Parking and admission are free.

For more information, visit www.highrollsfestivals.com, or call (505) 682-1151.



Answers from page 8

Proper hygiene keeps coalition fit to fight

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Proper hygiene is critical to remaining combat-ready.

To ensure servicemembers stay healthy, most forward-deployed locations throughout Afghanistan offer plenty of opportunities for good hygiene, like running water for showers and hand-washing stations next to the chow line.

However, the situation quickly changes when the mission dictates continuous operations away from established bases. When this occurs, coalition members must quickly adapt or become susceptible to the many harmful effects of poor hygiene.

In fact, when there is a lack of formal washing facilities, it should be an indication that more attention must be paid to good hygiene, said Army Capt. Susan Thomas, a field hospital nurse.

With the combination of increased activity and more exposure to Afghanistan's foreign environment, the field can leave little room for error in terms of hygiene, she said.

"Many (servicemembers) are exposed to many potential problems when traveling off post in Afghanistan," Captain Thomas said. "But many problems can be avoided with preventive steps."

After more than 10 months of seeing servicemembers coming into the hospital for treatment, she said she has seen many situations that could have been prevented.

Bacterial infections, dysentery and parasites like

worms are all common ailments Captain Thomas said she treats. But the chances of being infected with illnesses like these are greatly diminished with regular hand washing.

"If you can do anything to prevent illness, hand washing remains No. 1," she said.

Besides always washing hands before eating a meal, Captain Thomas recommends doing so before and after using the restroom.

Following this regimen is easy with sinks and hand-washing stations on bases, but in the field where these amenities are practically nonexistent, servicemembers do have alternatives.

Captain Thomas said using an anti-bacterial hand sanitizer works just as well as hot water and soap. It is actually the preferred method if servicemembers are uncertain of local water supplies.

Keeping cuts and scrapes clean and covered while in the field is also something commonly ignored, she said.

"Infections can set in very quickly if wounds are not kept clean," Captain Thomas said.

While maintaining proper hygiene in the field has many benefits from a health perspective, it is also closely related to remaining combat-ready and more prepared for mission completion.

For Marines like Cpl. Erik DeGiorgi and Lance Cpl. David Hughes, maintaining good hygiene habits in the field is a way of life. Regularly embarking on missions lasting four to eight days, the Marines said they have incorporated ways to stay clean into their battle rhythm.

In place of showers, the

Marines use baby wipes, Corporal Hughes said.

They also concentrate on switching out dirty articles of clothing — socks and boots in particular.

From a preventive perspective, Captain Thomas recommends all servicemembers in the field change their socks at least once a day to prevent foot fungus and other conditions.

Besides changing socks, the Marines also rotate pairs of boots each day. This allows the alternate pair time to dry. Rotating boots has become increasingly important during the winter months, when many units are maneuvering in snowy areas.

Corporal DeGiorgi said he constantly monitors his Marines' hygiene habits, so much so that it has become another pre-combat inspection.

"I know we are all grown-ups here, but this stuff is very important," he said. "If they aren't doing the right thing, they won't be 100 percent for the mission."

Corporal DeGiorgi said he is very candid with his Marines because hygiene is not a matter of vanity, but the entire team's health.

"We are in such close proximity to each other daily, if one person catches something, it can easily be passed to everyone," he said.

Captain Thomas echoed this statement.

"There is a bit of a stigma that has developed in the military that it is all right to be dirty in the field," she said. "But (servicemembers) have to know that there is more at stake when it comes to hygiene than offending the person sitting beside them." (AFPN)

HAFB wraps up base-wide duathlon

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Runners from on base and as far away as Albuquerque, N.M., lined up in front of the Fitness and Sports Center to kick off the 2005 Stealth Duathlon sponsored by Outdoor Recreation March 13.

The duathlon challenges athletes in two events, including a five-mile run and a 25-mile bike race. Competitors ranging in age from 18 to 61 were tallied into their individual age brackets and scored accordingly.

Even though the event itself competed with El Paso's annual Transmountain Challenge, Mr. Glynn Lyles, Outdoor Recreation director, said the

duathlon's showing was still impressive.

"We had a lot of people come out for the event, despite local athletic competitions," Mr. Lyles said. "Everyone came out for a good time and did their best."

The annual event started out with the 'go' command at 8 a.m. and the runners were off. Taking them past the aquatics center and the Holloman Inn towards the flight line, runners turned and made their way back to the starting point.

The runners caught their breath after crossing the starting point and mounted their bikes for the 25-mile trek. Bikers launched from the starting point, rode past the 49th Materiel Maintenance Group compound to the turn around point located past the 46th Test Group.

Bikers turned at the 12.5-mile marker located deep in Holloman's desert to begin the last leg of their trek. Riders pushed themselves past the flight line and back to the starting point where they traded their bikes for bottles of water.

Mr. Lyles said the event could never have happened if it weren't for the dedication of the volunteers.

"Outdoor Recreation couldn't do it alone with the number of people we had signed up for the event," he said. "We really appreciate the hard work our volunteers put into the event."

Mark Balsiger, was this year's fastest male competitor with a time of 1:35:35.

This year's top female competitor was Donna Kohout, with a time of 1:55:06.

Duathlon results

Men

20-24

Jesus Corral
Jeff Dierdora
James Hodgron

24-29

Chris Wojtko
Javier Placena
Ephraim Ford

30-34

Urs Fitzi
Tim Friederich
John Sablotny

35-39

Piazza Leonard
Perhes Salunder
Peter Thompson

40-44

Gary Fields
Edgar Ramirez
Edward Martinez

45-49

Cerueh Ritz
Felix Hinososa
Guido Kemp

50-54

Scott Darling
Carl Armstrong
Robert Welo

55-59

Mark Balsiger
Howard Dunbar
Richard Kelly

60-69

Flip Lyle
John Leroy
Kenneth O'Connor

Women

30-34

Donna Kohout
Julie Ford

40-44

Sandra Nolen
Rebecca Sullivan
Dale Baker

45-49

Mary Wells
Naomi Finson
Beth Jaquez

50-54

Carol McGuire
Christine Glidden
Marian Vilorid

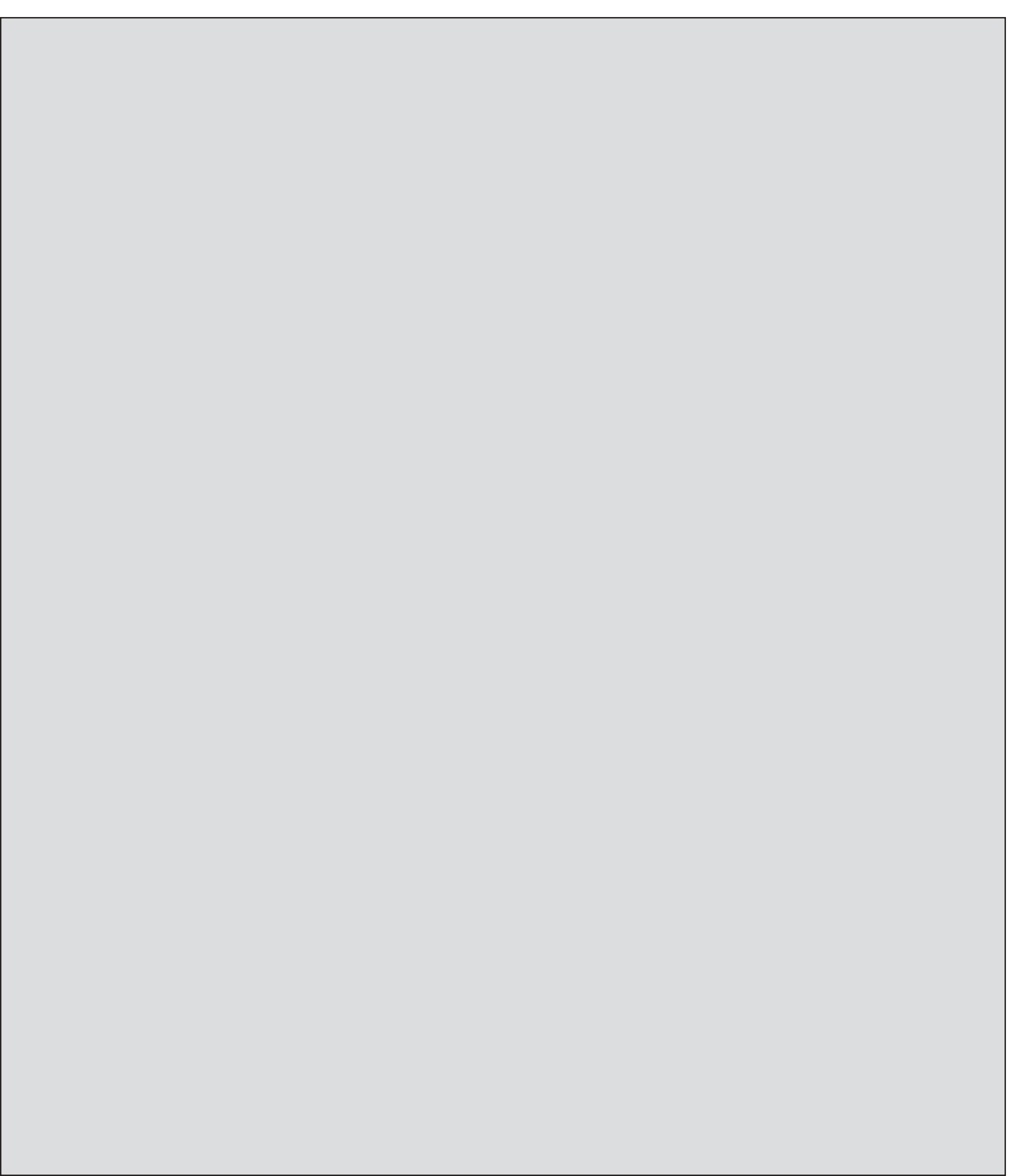




Photo by Senior Airman Vanessa LaBoy

On the net

Left to right: 49th Communications Squadron players, William Feltman and Brian Fitzgerald prepare to block the ball as it travels over the net after being hit by the 49th Maintenance Operations Squadron/4th Space Control Squadron player Gary Thomsen. The 49th MOS/4 SPCS took the match in three games, 25-19, 15-25 and 15-13.



Volleyball Standings

Large Unit

Team	Win	Loss
49 MMG	7	1
GAF	6	2
49 MDG	4	4
49 MXS	3	5
49 CES A	2	6
49 LRS	1	7

(Current as of March 10)

Small Unit

Team	Win	Loss
49 MSS	6	2
49 CS	6	2
49 OSS	6	2
49 MOS/4 SPCS	4	4
46 TG	1	7
49 SVS	1	7

(Current as of March 10)

Volleyball Schedule

Small Unit - Monday

Court 1
5:30 p.m.: 49 MSS vs 49MOS/4 SPCS
6:30 p.m.: 49 SVS vs 49 CS
7:30 p.m.: 46 TG vs 49 OSS
Court 2
5:30 p.m.: 49 SVS vs 46 TG
6:30 p.m.: 49 MSS vs 49 OSS
7:30 p.m.: 49 MOS/4SPCS vs 49 CS

Large Unit - Tuesday

Court 1
5:30 p.m.: 49 MMG vs GAF
6:30 p.m.: 49 MXS vs 49 LRS
7:30 p.m.: 49 CES A vs 49 MDG
Court 2
5:30 p.m.: 49 MXS vs 49 CES A
6:30 p.m.: 49 MMG vs 49 MDG
7:30 p.m.: GAF vs 49 LRS

